

PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 11, 2008

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon., May 12 St. Nereus & St. Achilleus,
 St. Pancras
 Tues., May 13 Our Lady of Fatima
 Wed., May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle
 Thurs., May 15 St. Isidore the Farmer



The Lady Dressed in Blue

The month of May is the most beautiful of months - the sprouting leaves, birds building their nests, and the splendid flowers blooming. Again the church in her wisdom has rendered this month to our Blessed Mother, the Mother of God. Many folk are still reluctant to go to our Lady in prayer, be it ignorance of church teaching, or that we find Mary too mysterious. As I have said many times in my homilies about Mary, "where Jesus is ... Mary is!"

From the very beginning of the Synoptic Gospels, Mary is featured as the woman who said "Yes" and there conceived and bore the Messiah, the Son of the living God. So the church gives Mary from the fourth century, the title Theotokis, or Mother of God. Mary raised our Blessed Lord in Nazareth, she was there in His public ministry, the Wedding feast of Cana, at His preaching appearances ("and His brothers and sisters (relatives) and Mother were there"), and at the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. I am quite sure she was there at every function of our Lord by logical deduction, families traveled together all the time in that period of history.

Today is the Feast of Pentecost, as we honor God the Holy Spirit and the many gifts He bestowed on us that great day in Salvation History. What I find extraordinary in this "Coming of the Holy Spirit" is that Mary was present as well. We must remember that the disciples were terrified, discouraged, and unsure of the future before Pentecost. The Mother of God was there and reassured the fearful little band that what her Son promised would come to pass. One can almost hear Mary say to the Disciples, "peace, be still, everything is going to be just fine." Did our Blessed Mother need the Holy Spirit herself? Not really, she was already Sanctified by the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation, but gave supreme example of the ministry of presence. This is why the Lady in Blue, the great Virgin Mary is honored in Holy Scripture and by the very words of her Son while on the Cross, "Son behold your Mother, Mother behold your Son". Jesus in essence gave us His Blessed Mother to pray for us, intercede for us, and to love us into heaven.

***Lovely Lady dressed in Blue, teach me how to pray!
 God was just your little Boy, Tell me what to say!***

Msgr. Karl A. Chimiak

Saint Francis Xavier Chapel, Saint George Island



Our first mass for the summer will be the weekend of June 1. The first actual Saturday Mass will be at our new time, 7:00 p.m., 31 May 2008. Masses at

St. George will remain the same: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 AM.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 12 9:00 AM Rosine Hodges
 Tues., May 13 9:00 AM Frances Buckler
 Thur., May 15 9:00 AM Rev. Andrew Smith
 Fri., May 16 9:00 AM Henry Boothe
 Sat., May 17 5:30 PM Rosemary Guyther Roberts
 Sun., May 18 8:30 AM Ella and Lucille Robinson
 Sun., May 18 11:00 AM Parran Jarboe

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory May 4, 2008

General Collection	\$4,023.74
Vestibule Fund	1,674.00
Feast of Ascension	90.00
Catholic Home Missions	15.00
Catholic Relief	5.00
Poor Box	57.26

Identifiable Gifts: 119

1ST Sunday May 2007 \$4,315.78

*Sacrificial Giving (Tithing) – Joyfully giving thanks to God.
Thank You for your faithful parish support!*

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick of our parish: especially Franklin Adams, Thomas Barnes, Grace Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Steve Cook, Vera Dilworth, Mary Dyson, Agnes Evans, Mary Fox, Geraldine Gross, Ruth Guy, Zee Kerwin, Alverta Lawrence, Jean Lawrence, Herb Mattingly, Reese McKay, Hilda Mowery, John Mundie, Sandy Mundie, Loretta Rule, Marian Slade, Rose Surrute, infant Christian Joshua Taylor.

Others in need of our prayers (requested by parishioners): All members of our military and their families, Mary Gail Russell Adams, Charles Andrews, Richard Bowen, infant Delaney Brooks, Sarah Burch, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Gloria Countiss, Phyllis Davis, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, Ruth Farr, James Forrest, John Gateau, Paul Greenwell, Judy Guffey, Jack Gumtow, Michelle Hickie (in Qatar), Frank Holland, Nancy Carol Hodge, Alice Jarboe, Teresa Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, Teri Kehr, Rita Koegel, Lois Krzeski, Ann Lanctot, Gilbert Lawrence, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, Beverly McKay, Neal O'Donnell, Jr., Pat O'Donnell, David Peixeira, Michelle Perry, John Pierce, Tom Puckett, John Raley, Mary Rizzo, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Evaon Shroeder, Palma Sileo, Gene Springer, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Francis Taylor, Jr., Marilyn Triantos, Vickie Trossbach, Jennie Umas, Carol Weber.

Catholic Relief Services Collection - May 17/18
Theme: Jesus in Disguise – reminds us of the presence of Christ in every one of our brothers and sisters in need.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Tues., May 13** Scripture Study, 10AM, Community Center
- Wed., May 14** Cantor/Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM
- Thur., May 15** Scripture Study, 7 PM, Community Center
- Sat., May 17** Rosary Devotion, 5pm, Church
- Sun., May 18** Final CCD session
- Sun., May 25** Feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ), Eucharistic Adoration, 12-2 PM

Summer Notations



Those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" a very famous song by the late great Nat King Cole brings things to a seasonal focus. A much laid back mode happens to adults and children alike that allow us to actually relax and enjoy this "Land of Pleasant Living!" I too, can't wait to get my fishing pole out of the garage and into the river with my cut-offs and old tennis shoes and catch that record Rockfish! After my fun in the sun I return to my ministry, our church, St. George where our Blessed Lord resides and people pray. This is a joyful and loving house where we can all bask in the "Great Light" of Jesus Christ, a place of little distraction and great reverence. With this a careful focus I would ask all of us to do two things for our Blessed Lord this summer and the rest of the year:

Please try to maintain a respectful voice level before and after mass. Many people are in fact trying to pray and either prepare for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or rendering thanksgiving for the Gift they received. Once the foyer is completed, then we can socialize with relish and joy!

Second, let us try to wear appropriate clothing and foot wear for church. There is nothing wrong with nice dress shorts, just so they are not "hot pants" or flip flops which make me think of the beach rather than church. Please, no cut-offs or old tennis shoes. I want our young people to have the best example possible.

I would leave you with this thought, would we wear beach wear or cut offs to see the Holy Father? I think not. The Swiss guards would not let you in! I know we are not the Vatican but...this is still the House of God. As I was a child of a struggling working class family of eight children, Mom always made sure that each of us had one good Sunday outfit to wear and a pair of dress shoes for church. This tradition can be resurrected with reflection of this thought -- Church is something "special and holy". *Msgr. Karl*

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Registration at Little Flower School is open to all interested families. It is on a first-come, first serve basis now and throughout the summer. Registration hours are from 9-11 am or by appointment. Questions may be directed to the office at 301-994-0404. or e-mail www.LittleFlowerCatholic.org.

AREA NEWS

- Sat., May 17** **Swing & Ballroom Dance, Little Flower School Gym.** Lesson 7-8pm; dance 8-11pm. \$15/couples; \$8 single. 301-862-9570. Sponsor: K of C.
- Sun., May 18** **Benefit Brunch, sponsored by "Friends" of Holy Angel-Sacred Heart School, 9am-1pm.** \$19/adult; \$8.50 child6-12; under 6, free. \$1,000 raffle. 301-481-4335.
- Sun., May 18** **14th Annual Armed Forces Memorial Day Mass, 4:30 PM, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.** Sacrament of Reconciliation available, 3-3:45pm, followed by Rosary. Tickets not necessary, but please arrive by 4:20 pm for seating purposes. [This Mass will be televised on EWTN several times over the Memorial Day Weekend. Check your local listings.]
- Mon., May 19** **American Red Cross Blood Drive, Valley Lee Fire Department and Rescue Squad, 2-7:30 PM.** Info or appt., 301-994-1038; however, walk-ins are welcome.
- Sat., May 24** **Day of Recollection, Holy Angels Church and House of Grace Chapel. 9 AM.** Guest speaker, Sr Angela from Fatima, Portugal. [Notice on bulletin board]

Coordinator of Youth Ministry sought for historical, mid-size Catholic parish in Southern Maryland. Seeking candidates with bachelor's degree in theology, pastoral studies or related fields with some experience in youth ministry and in "Renewing the Vision." Flexible hours with junior high and high school youth. Send resume to C.Y.M. Search Committee, St. Aloysius Church, Box 310, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or e-mail jdakes@saintaloyuschurch.org.

Lion Shop & Share Program

Help support our parish finances! Food Lion will contribute to St. George Parish every time you shop and use your MVP card. (Twenty-five or more participants necessary). Register your Food Lion MVP card with the *Lion Shop & Share* program at www.foodlion.com or call 704-633-8250 x3810.

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/ CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READING
Sat., May 17 5:30 PM	D. Byrne M. Bowes	B. Carpenter B. Barnes	T. Galligan C. Galli	Deacon L'Heureux P. Bowes A. Fenwick	J. Adams Volunteer	First: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
Sun., May 18 8:30 AM	C. Rodgers A. Rodgers N. Browne	B. Carpenter D. Orwig	D. Adams N. Neel	J. Blackwell G. Holden K. Garner	W. Blackwell J. Rodgers	Second: 2 Cor 13:11-13
Sun., May 18 11:00 AM	K. Hills A. Hills E. Spore	B. Carpenter D. Fann	R. Fann J. Carpenter	P. Browne M. Taylor A. Taylor	H. Young R. Cutchember	Gospel: Jn 3:16-18

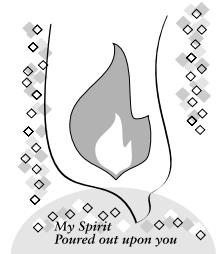
Daily Mass Lectors, May 12, 13, 15, 16: M. Goldsmith, D. Adams, C. Galli, D. Orwig
Eucharistic Ministers, May 12, 13, 15, 16: G. Holden & A. Fenwick, J. Blackwell & N. Neel, D. Adams & G. Holden, A. Fenwick & M. Goldsmith

Meals on Wheels, May 13, 14, 15: L. Quade, V. Worch & P. Walter, M.A. Rymer

Altar Preparation, May 17: M. Goldsmith

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of First Communion Class.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and grandmothers of the parish!



Congratulations and God's Blessings

for our

First Communion Class

May 11, 2008

Kyle Cartwright

Kelley Hammett

Karly Maltby

Taylor Mohica

Molly Mushrush

Evan Robison

Sydney Smith